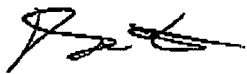


**STATEMENT BY ATTORNEY OF RECORD ESTABLISHING COMMON
OWNERSHIP OF THE PRESENT APPLICATION AND U.S. PATENT NO.
6,785,090 TO KOYANAGI ET AL.**

Dear Sir:

The present application having serial no. 10/651,598 to Feliss et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,785,090 to Koyanagi et al. (hereinafter "Koyanagi") were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by and/or under subject to an obligation of assignment to Hitachi Global Storage Technologies Netherlands BV. The attached assignment of Koyanagi, currently being recorded with the USPTO, is offered as substantive proof of common ownership. As referenced in the assignment, Koyanagi was subject to assignment to Hitachi Global Storage Technologies Netherlands BV as of December 31, 2002. Also, please find attached a copy of the original assignment and notice of assignment recordation for the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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